

Co-op mtg. @ Clawson September 18, 2011

Opened in prayer by Rony

Attendance: John P., Nancy, Rony, Joan, Jean, Mike, Anita, Jim, Jen

Child Protection Training Review – Nancy: about 10 attended from 6 churches. Useful and helpful to put things in perspective. Purpose is to see how things are handled at District and conference level. Each church needs to develop their own guidelines. Not necessary to follow conference procedure for every event. The Child Protection gives guidelines of who you'd report to if there were problems, background checks; possible logistics to work out with each church's own wording. There was discussion about public educators being exempt from training. Nancy has pamphlets that are very informative for teachers, legal guidelines to protect yourself in a lawsuit.

Delineate parent responsibilities. Parent waivers for certain functions (youth); if local church has conference event that needs child care, we need someone who has gone through conference certified to do it. Ferndale has all certified for parents night out; When events are open to community, it's a comfort for parents that all supervising adults are certified. Maybe Co-op offer this training every other year.

Winter Retreat update – John/Nancy THEME – **“Got Faith?” Retreat of Spiritual Renewal**

Retreat scheduled for Jan. 7-8 at Skyline. 10 am check in, programming after lunch, check out noon on Sunday. **Talk this up at your churches!!!** Money due by Oct. 31 to church offices, checks written to Ferndale First, memo for retreat.

Faith Fowler, speaker– no fixed fee, whatever we see fit. Rony suggested a love offering, but let attendees know we are doing it. Maybe take some money from our account. \$.58 mileage, need to cover fee, travel, food (2 meals); Decision: \$100 coop money, love offering collected for her. 10 am check in, programming after lunch, check out noon on Sunday. Money due by Oct. 31 to church offices, written to Ferndale First memo for retreat.

Mike – making electronic slides to advertise, will forward to churches.

Pricing – only one day, wait until Jan. to offer this. Need 51 people overnight \$72, kids \$36. Kids count toward our numbers. Wait to see how many kids before we decide programming for them.

Flyers made by Nancy. Distribute digital file to each church. Registration form later. Start advertising on Oct. 2 (if flyers not sent, I will follow up.)

Further discounts if more people attend, if 68 people less money. Max of 80 people. Extra money will be used for other things (child programming, supplies, etc).

THINGS TO CONSIDER – Plan for choirs if members attend retreat (won't be at church Jan. 8), Berkley/BH combined service?

SOS –At Clawson this week! How is volunteers going? Drivers are big problem. Need them Oct. 2-9. Office moved, btwn Greenfield and Southfield. Coordinator Don Callahan. Personal cars for transportation. Nancy will call Don, try for volunteers through Berkley, then contact Jen if more volunteers needed.

Ferndale recruiting in Nov. for Jan SOS dates. Any holes could be filled by Co-op, same with Berkley. Maybe coop events related to SOS hosting? Discussion at later dates. Mike – co-op needs to get involved so Ferndale doesn't have to end SOS relationship. Maybe Co-op dinner nights, drivers, breakfasts

SOS dates - Berkley Jan 22-29, Ferndale Jan.8-15, Clawson Oct. 2-8

Co-op Advent study – Discussion about programming put on hold due to clergy missing from meeting. Decided it would be a “come and go attendance” format, doesn't have to be continuous. Hopefully offer same study one day session and one night. All churches will do same study, open meeting at all churches, but different nights. Possibly do final meeting together as potluck and discussion. Decision will be made through email with pastors on materials.

Next meeting – Oct. 30, at Ferndale @ 4:00

**Sat. Oct 29 – concert at Ferndale. Katie Geddes trio, Fundraiser concert, folk/contemporary music, secular and sacred. Family friendly. 7:30 pm.

As a Side Note – Mike concerned about co-op calendar flooded with Ferndale events. He will contact office administrators. Jen offered to put any information/events from ANY church on website. Send information to her by email or phone. This could be concerts, special community events, youth, UMW, anything you want community invited to!